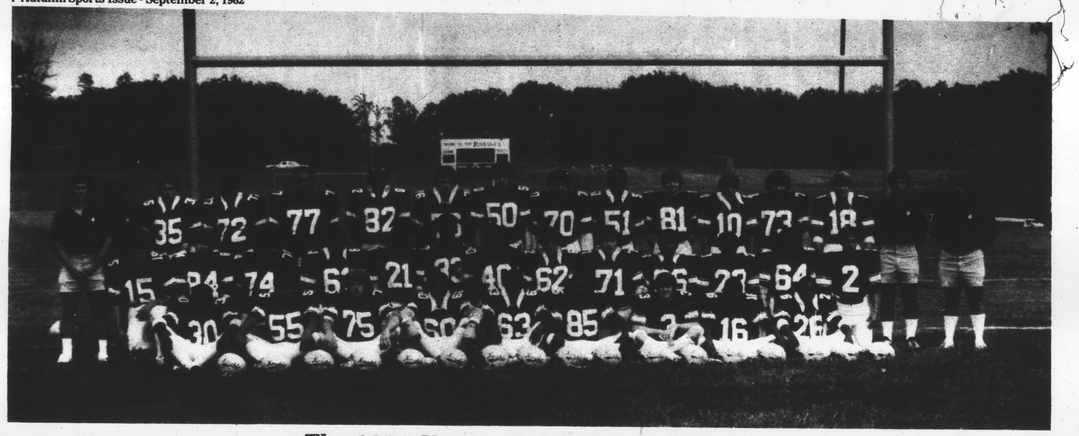

The 1982 Varsity Knight Football Team

Knights eager for '82 season to start

The Buckingham varsity football team is eager for the 1982 season to get underway.

"The team's attitude is better than it's ever been," comments head coach Pete Gowin.

You see, the Knights did a 180-degree turn last year, their second season in the Seminole District. The Knights compiled a respectable 7-3 record, after a dismal 0-9-1 showing in 1980.

And, capping off the 1981 season was a 21-19 victory over a powerful Appomattox County High School team.

"That win left things on a positive note through all of last year and this summer," comments Gowin. "It put the kids in a good frame of mind, and with the help of (assistant) coach Larry Morris, they worked really hard on the off-season weight-training program."

While the Knights lost several good players to graduation -- including backs David Davies, Russ Gowin and Basil Gooden, and center Donald Lee -- they nonetheless have a nucleus of good talent returning on this year's squad.

Returning to the Knights' interior line will be tackles Dewey Wharam (6-2, 225 lbs.) and Andy Shumaker (6-0, 216 lbs.); and guards David Ragland (6-1, 210 lbs.) and Sharion Banks (5-9, 182 lbs.).

Other starters from last year's team returning to play will be linebacker and quarterback Will Gowin (5-10, 170 lbs.), and Jesse Davis (5-10, 172 lbs.), who plays end and sees time in the backfield.

Craig White, a defensive tackle from last year's starting lineup, will also be playing for the Knights again this year. Defensive back Shawn Woodson, who started last year, is on the roster again this year, but will be out for five or six weeks with a broken wrist.

Players who will see action with last year's returnees will be Derdick Johnson (quarterback and safety), Robert Gormus (fullback), Darrell Smith (wingback and outside linebacker), Laurence Jones (offensive end and defensive halfback), Ricky Burnley (offensive end and defensive halfback), Hayen Smith and Thomas Anderson (defensive ends), Earl Carey (defensive tackle), and Daryl Massie (center).

"Offensively, our interior line has five returning starters," says Gowin, "and they're all stronger and quicker than last year, thanks to the off-season weight-training program."

Gowin adds that "Daryl Massie at center has been a big surprise for us. He's quick for a big boy (6-1, 272 lbs.) and very aggressive."

"Ricky Burnley has also been a pleasant surprise for us at end," Gowin says.

The coach feels that his backfield, while not experienced as a unit, has the speed and quickness necessary to make his team a threat on quick-breaking plays.

"With the strength and agility of our interior line, and the speed and quickness of our backfield, we're going to try a lot of quick-hitting plays this season," Gowin notes.

The Knights will be running a multiple offense this season, using formations ranging from a straight-T to a veer set.

"We're going to open up a little bit this season," Gowin says, "and utilize that quickness and speed."

Defensively, the Knights will be running a 4-4. "Our biggest strength defensively is our front line," says the coach. "Plus, we have a couple of excellent linebackers back this season from last year's team."

Gowin says that the question mark on his defensive team is the secondary. "Woodson is out with an injury, and we lost another of our starters from last year," he says. "But hopefully, we have enough experience on the team to fill in the gaps."

In analyzing the upcoming season, Gowin says "you never can tell before the first game who is going to be strong. At this point, Brookville and Appomattox both look like they're going to be tough."

The coach feels that William Campbell and Rustburg may also have excellent teams, and "Nelson County may turn out to be a darkhorse."

"The Seminole District is a wide-open district," Gowin continues. "Our first year in the Seminole, we were still trying to play the kind of ball that we'd been playing in the James River District: your basic up-the-middle,

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Knight Roster

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS
2	Mark Christian	WB	5'5"	140	11
3	Greg Hill	K	5'11"	141	12
10	Ricky Burnley	E	5'9"	165	11
15	Carl Manis	E	5'8"	146	11
16	Derdick Johnson	QB	5'7"	134	12
18	Will Gowin	QB	5'10"	170	12
22	Robert Woodson	E	5'9"	131	10
23	Marvin Chambers	FB	5'6"	172	11
26	Darrell Smith	WB	5'4"	145	11
30	Jesse Davis	E	5'10"	172	12
33	Shawn Woodson	TB	6'3"	195	11
35	Robert Gormus	FB	5'9"	203	10
40	Ceasar Lewis	TB	5'9"	146	10
50	Spencer Morgan	C	6'2"	169	10
51	Thomas Anderson	T	6'0"	198	11
55	Andy Shumaker	T	6'0"	216	12
60	Sharion Banks	G	5'9"	182	12
61	S. Washington	G	5'8"	166	11
62	Dwayne Davidson	G	5'7"	151	10
63	Craig White	C	5'9"	165	12
64	Rodney Banks	G	5'8"	205	10
66	James Walker	G	5'7"	178	10
70	David Christian	T	6'0"	212	11
71	Jamie Oliver	T	5'7"	260	10
72	Martin Chambers	T	6'0"	214	11
73	Hayden Smith	T	5'9"	201	11
74	Earl Carey		'9"	245	12
75	Dewey Wharam		'2"	225	12
76	David Ragland		'1"	210	11
77	Daryl Massie	C	6'1"	272	11
81	Troy Dunn	E	5'9"	160	10
82	Lawrence Jones	E	6'3"	180	10
84	Kyle Bolt	E	5'11"	131	10
85	Alan Jones	E	6'0"	155	12

Head Coach..... Pete Gowin
Assistant Coaches..... Avery Goodwin
Larry Morris and Alfred Wilson
Captains..... Dewey Wharam,
Sharion Banks and Craig White
Managers..... Virgil Braxton and Robbie Crews
Principal..... W. Ernest Riland
Athletic Director..... Pete Gowin
Nickname..... Knights
Colors..... Green & Gold
Statisticians..... Steve Dunn and Donald Flood

Football Schedules

Buckingham Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
9-3	J. Forest	Away
9-10	Cumberland L. League	Home
9-17	Brookville	Home
9-24	Altavista	Away
10-1	Wm. Campbell Parents	Home
10-8	Appomattox	Away
10-15	Nelson Homecoming	Home
10-22	Liberty	Away
10-29	Rustburg Senior	Home
11-5	Gretna	Away

All games start at 8 p.m.

Buckingham Junior Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	Place
9-8	Cumberland	Away
9-16	Brookville	Away
9-23	Altavista	Home
9-30	William Campbell	Away
10-7	Appomattox	Home
10-14	Nelson	Away
10-21	Liberty	Home
10-28	Rustburg	Away

Cumberland game starts at 7 p.m.
All other games start at 6 p.m.

Raiderettes are set to go

The 1982 Varsity Raiderette Basketball Team

THE 1982 VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM AT APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL consists of (Front row, from left) Robin Paulette, Ruby Smith, Cheryl Williams; (back row, from left) Coach Mary Tolley, Tammy Martin, Donna Dickerson, Delores Smith, Sandra Watkins, Kaye Brown, Sally Coleman, Lisa Pannell, Beverly Bennett, and Kellie Tolley.

"I think we have the makings of a winning team," Coach Mary Tolley says of her 1982 varsity Raiderette girls' basketball squad.

Seniors Ruby Smith, Cheryl Williams and Robin Paulette, and juniors Sandra Watkins, Kaye Brown and Lisa Pannell, all returning from 1981's Raiderette squad, will form the nucleus of the team which will seek to improve on last season's 14-6 record.

"Inexperience will be a factor early in the season," Tolley notes, The Raiderettes lost several key players to graduation, and the six returnees' ability to perform as a cohesive unit will be an important ingredient in the team's early-season success.

New players on this year's Raiderette squad are forwards Sally Coleman and Donna Dickerson,, and guards Beverly Bennett and Tammy Martin, and Delores Smith, a center. All of the new players on this year's squad are sophomores.

"As usual, height will be a factor against us this season,' Tolley says. But, just as with last year's team, the Raiderettes have attributes which they will exploit in an attempt to overcome -- or at least neutralize -- their height disadvantage.

This year's Raiderette squad has shaped up to be a quick, aggressive team in practice, characteristics typical of Tolley's teams in past years.

And in senior guard Ruby Smith, the Raiderettes have a scoring machine which opponents will be hard pressed to contain.

Smith, who broke the 1,000-career-points barrier last season, says the Raiderettes "will have to use teamwork" against their opponents this season.

"As a whole, the team is young, but we're aggressive: we're a team of fighters," notes Smith, who

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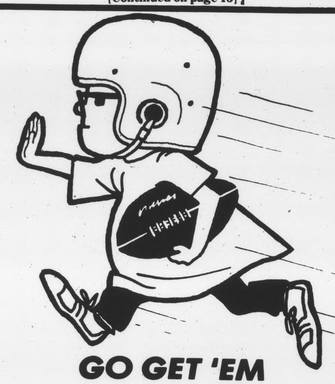

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